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As a daily routine the undersigned visited the following Muslim Student Association websites, blogs and Forums and found the following:

- **Muslim Student Association at Buffalo**: A link to a Yahoo group, on this Muslim Student Association site contained information for an upcoming event. This link contained the following information:
 - *The Fifth Annual Convention of Reviving the Islamic Spirit* is scheduled to take place from December 22nd to 24th 2006 at South Building, Metro Toronto Convention Centre. There will be various prominent Muslim Scholars throughout the world that will be speaking at this event. The following Muslim Scholars are amid many Scholars who will anticipate:
 - **Dr. Tariq Ramadan** –His maternal grandfather Hassan al Banna, founded the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt which has ties to extremist Islamic groups.
 - His father **Said Ramadan** was also a prominent figure in the Muslim Brotherhood.
 - Was expelled from Egypt for promoting Anti-Egypt government movement.
 - In September 2006, a US consular officer has denied Dr. Tariq Ramadan's visa application solely on his action, which constituted providing material support to terrorist organization.
 - In February 2004 he accepted the tenured position of Luce professor of religion at the Joan B. Kroc for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, USA
 - In July 2004 his visa was revoked by the State Department and was forced to resign the position
 - **Shaykh Hamza Yusuf** – A converted Muslim, born in Washington and raised in Northern California:

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- Studies abroad for 10 years, travel frequently to major North American and European cities to teach and lecture to both Muslims and non Muslims.
 - He is a founder of Zaytuna institute, the study of core Islamic sciences.
- **Imam Zaid Shakir** – Is currently a Political professor at Zaytuna Institute:
 - Studied Islam in Syria and Morocco
 - Was a political professor at southern connecticut State university in New Heaven prior to his departure to Syria
 - Served as Imam at al-Islam mosque in New Heaven.
 - **Imam Siraj Wahaj** – The Imam of Masjid Al-Taqwa an Arabic term for God-Consciousness in Brooklyn, New York.
 - He travels widely, lecturing and preaching at Islamic centers, conventions, fundraisers and universities.
 - He has been Vice President of ISNA since 1997 and appeared on several national television talk shows and interviews

The message advertising this event was posted by a member of the Muslim Student Association at Buffalo who identifies herself as Adeela Khan.

- **Muslim Student Association/Islamic Center of New York University (NYU) :**
 - Science in the Quran – The origins of mankind to astrology the Quran has related scientific knowledge prior to scientific discoveries.
 - Dinner and lecture with **Nouman Ali Khan**, an Arabic professor at Nassau Community College will be held on Tuesday November 28, Kimmel Room 914, at 1830.
 - M.E.C.C.A: Which stands for “Muslim Education and Converts Center of America”
 - This Program is for newly converted Muslims who do not have prior knowledge of Islam and are committed to find out more about it. This program covers the following three aspects of Islam.
 - ***Basics of Belief***: Learn the basic of Islamic worship, how to perform ablution for prayer and how to pray properly.
 - ***Living Islam***: Learn to build Islamic way of life, from how to deal with Issues relating to food, money and family.
 - ***The Converts Partnership Program***: This is a mentorship program to provide new Muslims with an assigned mentor

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to offer support, friendship and help as needed with questions or issues relating to Islamic practices.

- **Dhikr Session** - Every Thursday at 17 00 hours (Description) “a short talk focusing on developing in our relationship with Allah, and furthering in our spiritual development.
 - The talks elaborate on practical measures university students can take to ensure a balance and well rounded growth in both religious and academic matters in their time at school.
 - The gathering is addressed by Shaykh Ahmad Arshad, who is an Alma mater of NYU and is currently a staff member at the University.
- **Muslim Students Association of Rutgers – Newark**
 - Day of Judgment – Additional information regarding the topic or location is not available.
 - Will be conducted on November 27, 2006 by speaker Imam Hamza also known as Shyakh Hamza Yousuf

Undersigned also visited these Muslim Student Associations and did not find significant information posted on their web sites, forums, blogs and groups.

- Muslim Student Association of Albany University:
- Muslim Student Association of Columbia:
- Stony Brook Muslim Student Association –
- Muslims Student Association at LaGuardia Community College:
- Islamic Society of Brooklyn College
- Muslim Students Association at The University of Pennsylvania
- Muslim Student Association of Rutgers – New Brunswick
- Muslim Student Association of Queens College:
- Muslim Student Association of Baruch College
- Muslim Student Association of Northern New York at Clarkson University and SUNY Potsdam (MSA Of NNY):
- Muslim Student Association of Yale university:
- Muslim Student Association of Syracuse University:

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